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SUBJ: MOTUTU' S VIEWS ON BURUNDI DEVELOPMENTS

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1. PURSUANT INSTRUCTIONS, I MADE POINTS REFTEL REGARDING
BURUNDI DEVELOPMENTS DURING CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT
MOBUTU THIS MORNING (JUNE 16).

2. MOBUTU SAID HE KNEW THAT BURUNDI GOVERNMENT HAD
RESUMED REPRISALS AGAINST HUTUS FOLLOWING REFUGEE
INCURSION IN MAY FROM TANZANIA AND RWANDA, ALTHOUGH
THESE NOT, AT LEAST YET, AT ANYTHING APPROACHING 197 2
LEVELS. HE CHARACTERIZED RESUMPTION OF KILLINGS
AS SHAMEFUL, AND COMMENTED THAT THE WORST PROBLEMS
COME FROM TRIBALISM. HE SAID THIS IS WHY HIS FIRST
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STEP ON ASSUMING THE PRESIDENCY HAD BEEN TO TRY TO END THIS EVIL IN ZAIRE. HE ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE BURUNDI PROBLEM NOW INVOLVES NOT ONLY NEIGHBORING TANZANIA AND RWANDA BUT THE LIBYANS WHO, AMONG OTHERS, ARE STIRRING THE TROUBLED WATERS MUCH AS CERTAIN COUNTRIES TRIED TO DO DURING ZAIRES EARLY DIFFICULTIES.

3. MOBUTU SAID AMIN HAS INVITED HIM TO DEDICATION OF NEW AIRDROME IN UGANDA, NEAR THE ZAIRIAN BORDER, IN EARLY JULY. WHILE IN THE AREA HE PLANS TO VISIT BUKAVU AND IS THINKING OF INVITING MICOMBERO TO JOIN HIM THERE. HE HAS ALSO BEEN INFORMED THAT MICOMBERO IS ABOUT TO SEND ONE OF HIS MINISTERS TO TALK TO HIM. AFTER THIS VISIT HE WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO DECIDE HOW AND WHERE TO APPROACH MICOMBERO ON THE PROBLEM. MOBUTU INTENDS TO COUNSEL MICOMBERO THAT THE ONLY POSSIBILITY FOR FUTURE PEACE FOR THE TUTSI MINORITY POPULATION OF BURUNDI IS TO GIVE THE HUTU MAJORITY HOPE FOR THE FUTURE AND A ROLE IN THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT. HE SAID HE DOES NOT NOW SEE AN EFFECTIVE ROLE FOR THE OAU BECAUSE THE MOST IT COULD DO IS ASK CONCERNED CHIEF OF STATE TO TRY TO BE HELPFUL.

4. MOBUTU SAID HE ALSO INTENDS TO DISCUSS THE BURUNDI PROBLEM WITH NYERERE WHEN HE MEETS WITH HIM AND KAUNDA NEXT MONTH.
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